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㉓ Nail strip.

㉔ A strip of collated nails for use with a rapidly acting, nail-driving tool. The shank (16) of each nail (12) has a cylindrical portion (18) adjoining the head (14) and a ringed portion (20) and having an axial array of annular rings of an outer diameter greater than the diameter of the cylindrical portion (18). The nails are collated by a pair of tapes (30,32), each tape extending across and being adhered to a respective one of diametrically opposed areas on the cylindrical portion of the shank of each nail by an adhesive layer (34). Each tape and the adhesive layer adhering such tape have a combined thickness covering, on one side of the nail shanks, less than one-half of the difference between outer diameter of the rings and the diameter of the cylindrical portion or cylindrical portions, whereby a nail driven from the strip into a workpiece tends to carry into the workpiece, along with the driven nail, such portions of the tapes and the adhesive layers as are torn from the strip with the driven nail.

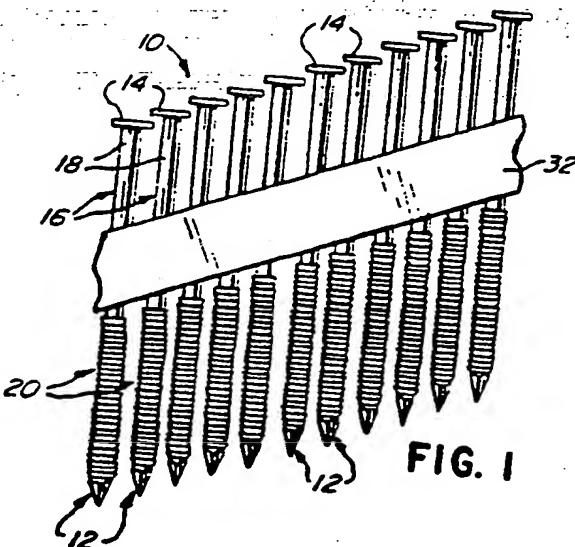


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